Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A device for connecting a shaft (10), in particular, a worm shaft, to a ring (12), in particular a ring magnet, which has an inside face (14) that is in contact with an outside face (16) of the shaft (10),

~~characterized in that~~

wherein on the outside face (16) of the shaft (10), there are deformation regions (18), by means of which a ~~nonpositive engagement~~ force-locking engagement, rotationally fixed connection of the ring (12) to the shaft (10) is assured,

wherein the deformation regions (18) are impressed by means of at least two impressed features by means of an impressing die into the outside face of the shaft that is to be brought into contact with the inside face of the ring before mounting of the ring, wherein the deformation regions (18) are arranged approximately centrally in an axial direction on the outer face of the shaft in a region of the inner face of the mounted ring.

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2. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the deformation regions (18) are distributed regularly in the radial direction over the outside face (16) of the shaft (10).

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The device of claim ~~3~~ 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the impressed features (18) have a conical shape.

5. (currently amended) The device of claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cone of the impressed features (18) is between 50° and 70°, ~~and is preferably 60°~~.

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6. (currently amended) The device of claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the maximum diameter of the impressed features (18) is between 1.5 mm and 2.4 mm ~~, and is preferably 1.9 mm~~.

7. (currently amended) The device of claim ~~3~~ 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein two of the impressed features (18) at a time are disposed in pairs.

8. (currently amended) The device of claim ~~3~~ 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the impressed features (18) are offset by 180° from one another.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in addition to the impressed features (18), radially extending indentations (20) are present on the outside face (16) of the shaft (10).

11. (new) The device of claim 5, wherein the cone of the impressed features (18) is 60°.

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12. (new) The device of claim 6, wherein the maximum diameter of the impressed features (18) is 1.9 mm.